



# TEAM 19!

## *Supporting from the Sea to the DMZ*

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## Cheju-Do:

Nature's paradise  
in the Northern Pacific

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**Maj. Gen.  
Jeanette Edmunds**

### From the CG's desk:

Team – here we are in a New Year, rested from the holidays (and the Super Bowl), and now we are back into it, busy as ever. With last year's turbulence behind us we will take a moment this month to observe Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday Jan 20<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. King was a true American hero and Patriot. He cared deeply about the future of America and about obtaining civil rights for all people through non-violent but relentless work, education, and yes, as it was necessary – protest against injustice. His message resonated with and rallied people of all races to a common cause and despite the tragedy of his death – he was ultimately successful. America painfully faced its own shortcomings and ultimately guaranteed the rights our forefathers outlined in our Constitution and Bill of Rights did in fact apply to all citizens of our great Nation.

This will be the 18<sup>th</sup> year we honor Dr. King's life with a National holiday. We should take this opportunity to recall his vision and renew his call for equal justice for all. We should also recognize the success of Dr. King's movement still lies in our ability to be vigilant and tenacious in eradicating any form of prejudice from our work environments, in our communities, whether it be at home or on the Korean peninsula – and most importantly from our hearts.

You have all heard and read about anti-American protests here, and you cannot help but know about the worldwide struggle with radical Islamic factions. We must remember in the face of massive injustice and brutality, Dr. King's unwavering commitment to non-violent means of bringing the people of our nation together, provided a foundation for healing and trust. I believe the same kind of commitment and trust will bring us through as we reach out to each other as a single human race without regard to race, religion or gender.

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**Command Sgt. Maj.  
Troy Welch**

### From the CSM's desk:

The beginning of a new year brings new challenges. We accomplished many great things in the past year, and I'm sure we will continue to raise the bar of excellence.

As we take a moment this month to observe Dr. Martin Luther King – a great preacher, teacher and leader, let's strive to be the hero and patriot he was. His commitment to bringing the people of our nation together

should be extended further to bringing all nations together as well.

This month, 19<sup>th</sup> Theater Support Command noncommissioned officers will take a page from Dr. King's preacher, teacher, leader moniker in several very significant events.

The 194<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Battalion embarks on an unprecedented NCO-only Field Training Exercise, scheduled Jan. 23-31, which should be a great example of how we live by the NCO Creed.

Also, mark Jan. 29 on your calendars as Team 19 has scheduled its first NCO Induction Ceremony at Camp Walker's Evergreen Club. This is a very important first step for our young soldiers who have earned the right to wear the stripes of a noncommissioned officer. I expect maximum participation in this very significant event. *(For more information, please contact Sgt. Maj. Delice Liggon via at DSN 768-7612.)*

I would also like to take time to thank our soldiers and KATUSAs for the very important mission they are successfully completing on a continuous basis – protecting our installations. We as soldiers don't do our jobs for glory, fame or wealth.

I have received many kudos from the community and beyond on the great job our soldiers are doing. I'd also like to commend units, individual soldiers and the community as a whole on your participation in Operation Apple Pie (see page 3). The Korean National Police carry out an important mission in helping protect our installations. They were very appreciative of our gesture of appreciation. Thank you.

I have said many times how much I am honored to be your command sergeant major. I look forward to your continuing efforts in the new year. Team 19!



—Cover photo—

A scene of a water fall at Cheju-Do. See page 8 and 9 for details(Photo by Sgt. WilliamMontoya).

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# Operation Apple Pie: Team 19 shares American treat with KNP

**Story & Photos by  
Master Sgt. Anthony L. Reed**

DAEGU, Korea – Side by side with the American soldiers are the Korean National Police, protecting the installations throughout the peninsula.

As a gesture of appreciation, the 19<sup>th</sup> Theater Support Command here recently launched a special mission for the KNP.

“Operation Apple Pie stemmed from 19<sup>th</sup> TSC wanting to say thanks for the efforts of the KNP,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Troy Welch, 19<sup>th</sup> TSC command sergeant major.

“For the past several weeks, more than 400 KNP in Daegu have stood guard on our gates,” Welch continued. “They have assisted us in keeping our installations safe. Many good Samaritans bring food, snacks and beverages to the American troops inside the gates, but the KNP outside the

gates get just as cold and hungry.”

According to Welch, Maj. Gen. Jeanette Edmunds, commander, 19<sup>th</sup> TSC, suggested a “slice of home” to share with the KNP. “What’s more American than apple pie?” Welch mused.

The original plan for Operation Apple Pie called for 100 of the treats to be delivered to the Daegu Police Chief, who would distribute the pies to the KNP. Welch contacted all the sergeants major who passed the word within the community. Pies, cookies, cakes and other treats quickly filled the 19<sup>th</sup> TSC Conference Room.

A truck, equipped with pie racks, escorted Edmunds and Welch to the Daegu Police Headquarters, where Nambu Police Chief Lee, Kwang Young greeted them.

Edmunds presented two special apple pies to the police chief. “I baked these myself,” she said.

“Hopefully, these pies will serve as a small token of our appreciation,



Daegu Namgu KNP receiving the treats from the 19th TSC.

not just for the job they are doing now, but what they do on a daily basis in helping protect our installations,” said Sgt. Maj. Rozenia Carter, 19<sup>th</sup> TSC G-3 sergeant major.

“We shared the pies among our fellow policemen. We also understand we got some breads previously, and at Camp George, we

received some cookies from the Officer’s Wives Club. We really appreciate it and it tasted good,” said Kwon, Dong-wook, a KNP police who stands at Camp Henry gate for gate guard. “Though we are merely doing our job, it is nice the Americans are showing how much they appreciate us.”

## First-ever Air Assault course completion by Reserves in Korea

**by Col. Steve Nihiser (OIC, 4th ROC)  
and Sgt. 1st Class Les Christensen  
(NCOIC, 4th ROC)**

Two soldiers from the 4th Support Detachment (Rear Operations Center), an U.S. Army Reserve (USAR) unit assigned to the 19th Theater Support Command, completed a major training accomplishment ... the Air Assault Course at 2d Infantry Division. Not only was this a significant individual accomplishment, but it was the first-ever completion of the course by members of the U.S. Army Reserves in Korea. Their successful completion of the physically demanding and mentally challenging course set the standard for follow-on attendance by members of the USAR in Korea.

2nd Lt. Donghan Lee and Sgt. Patrick Santiamo, both completed the Air Assault Course held 19-31 Oct 02 in 2d Infantry Division. These USAR soldiers are also full-time DA civilians at Camp Henry. Lee serves as an unit administrator/military technician for the 4th ROC and Santiamo serves as an information management specialist in Area IV. Both were provided this unique opportunity to attend the course due to the support and efforts of former Command Sgt. Maj. Barry

Wheeler, command sgt. maj., 2ID and Command Sgt. Maj. Marvell Dean, command sgt. maj., 2d BDE.

“I had requested consideration of USAR soldiers to attend the course throughout the past year and CSM Wheeler and CSM Dean allowed us to send two soldiers. This was a tremendous opportunity for the unit and for us to demonstrate we have motivated junior leaders who can meet the demands of this rigorous course.”

Command Sgt. Maj. James Lucero, who succeeded Wheeler will also consider USAR soldiers’ attendance at future Air Assault Courses.

According to Lee, “It was a great opportunity to attend the Air Assault Course, as normally USAR soldiers cannot attend the course unless they are stationed near a base in CONUS such as the 101st Air Assault Division at Fort Campbell, Ky. The chance to attend is very rare, so I was very excited to get a chance to go, especially here in Korea.”

Santiamo added, “It was also good that both Lee and I could go to the school during the same timeframe, as we helped motivate and encourage each other throughout the course. That helped me to know a fellow member of the USAR, especially my unit, was there going

through the same training. It was demanding but a great experience.”

“We had a lot of interest in attending the course by our unit, but 2nd Lt. Lee and Sgt. Santiamo were the two that I was confident would graduate,” said Sgt. 1st Class Les Christensen, NCOIC, 4th ROC. “They represented the fine soldiers we have in the 4th ROC and those USAR in Korea. I only hope that we can continue to send USAR soldiers to this course in the future. Not only is the Air Assault Course a motivator, it is an excellent leader and skills building opportunity,” Christensen added.

The 4th ROC is a part of the G3 staff during contingencies and soldiers coordinate force protection and security planning for the 19th TSC during Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration, as well as Ulchi Focus Lens exercises.

Since the unit’s activation in September 1992, the 4th ROC has supported every exercise as an integral part of the 19th TSC G3 team. The 4th ROC has positions available at the company grade officer and enlisted ranks. For more information, contact 2nd Lt. Donghan Lee at 768-8956 or Lt.Col. Bill Aaron at 768-8890 to join the 4th ROC team ... “Securing the Way.”





# HHC 19<sup>th</sup> TSC soldiers display ‘Warrior Pride’

Story by Master Sgt. Anthony Reed

Photos by Sgt. Sheryl Lawry  
and Pfc. Kim, Yoon-il

**Multiple Choice Question:** *Who signs off on a DA 31 (leave form) for the Commanding General of the 19<sup>th</sup> Theater Support Command?*

- A) Commanding General, 8<sup>th</sup> U.S. Army
- B) Commanding General, U.S. Forces Korea
- C) Any three-star general or above
- D) Company Commander, Headquarters, Headquarters Company 19<sup>th</sup> TSC

“It is our job to ensure the Headquarters staff has all the resources necessary to enable them to focus on their specific missions,” said Capt. Gilbert Gozalo, commander, HHC 19<sup>th</sup> TSC.

Ranging in rank from major general to private, HHC 19<sup>th</sup> TSC has approximately 250 soldiers. According to Gozalo, the unit is responsible for personnel and administrative actions like promotions, leaves, certain TDYs, passes, etc., soldier training qualifications like weapons and the Army Physical Fitness Test, unit Physical Training, and most UCMJ actions.

“My job is to manage the soldiers daily,” Gozalo said. “Because we have many different (Military Occupational Specialties) spread out in different sections from G-1 to G-6, I may not see them on a daily basis.”

“We have a very important mission here,” said 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Gregory Cromartie, HHC 19<sup>th</sup> TSC first sergeant. “Standards are a big thing with us. We expect everyone to meet or exceed them.”

Varied missions require intense coordination and cooperation to ensure soldiers’ training and administrative needs are adequately met.





"Because of all the different missions, we try to cater training around schedules by working with the platoon sergeants," Gozalo said. "The CG and Chief of Staff always gives us great support and cooperation as well."

"We try to have more than one particular day to get certain training events done," said Staff Sgt. Rodney Canty, HHC 19<sup>th</sup> TSC Training NCO. "We have to be flexible."

Canty also ensures the unit's soldiers are squared away for military schools and maintains the various duty rosters.

"Soldiers come to our office with different needs," said Staff Sgt. Wallace Scott, HHC 19<sup>th</sup> TSC personnel actions NCO. "If I don't have an answer for them, I try my best to point them in the right direction."

Pfc. Jamie Edmunds was the unit's awards clerk. She is headed to Fort Stewart, Ga. "I learned a lot being assigned in this section," she said. "Because we helped all soldiers, I wasn't as intimidated by higher ranks. Hopefully that will help me when I go to the promotion board."

This is Gozalo's second stint as a company commander. "The dynamics of this unit is a little different from a regular unit because of our diverse missions," he said. "But some things remain the same. Things like promoting and re-enlisting a soldier are still what makes this the best job (company commander) in the Army. I may not see every soldier every day, but I do get to every section when I make my rounds. We may seem complex because of the different ranks, but it's really just a matter of understanding the nature of the beast."

(Note: The answer to the "multiple choice question" for those scoring at home was "D".)

"Standards are a big thing with us. We expect everyone to meet and exceed them,"

*1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Gregory Cromartie  
HHC, 19<sup>th</sup> TSC First Sergeant*



Cpl. Hong, Ji-chul and Spc. Martin Lopez organizing equipment for the New Horizon's training



Spc. Erik Miller and Spc. Carolina Martinez working on soldier's leave.



Pfc. Tanya Carlson distributing mail



# Former All-American shooter competes for U.S. Army Reserve shooting team

Story by Sgt. Jang, Dong-woo

Being able to shoot a rifle with precision is considered an obligation if you are a soldier. Some people are better and go beyond that expectation.

Maj. Denise Loring, currently with the 55<sup>th</sup> Theater Support Command-Material Management Center, Fort Belvoir, Va. happens to be one of those gifted. Loring currently competes for the U.S. Army Reserve shooting team.

Loring was commissioned in 1985.

"I competed in college [in the] NCAA. I competed in my junior and senior year at NCAA-level and made All-American in my senior year. The Army recruited me to compete as an international rifle shooter. The first unit I was assigned to was the U.S. Army Marksmanship unit. It's a competitive shooters unit. We competed at

the world class-level. We also had a mission to instruct. We go to colleges and universities and provide marksmanship instruction. Some of the other shooters instruct soldiers. I am qualified as an instructor and small group instructor," said Loring.

Loring's passion for shooting came from her father.

"Growing up, my father taught me how to shoot. We used to go out and hunt together. When I got to college there were tryouts for the competition team. I tried out and made the team, and that's how I started shooting for competition," said Loring.

The rifles Loring uses are not the ordinary M-16A2s soldiers use.

"The rifle is my main weapon. We use a .22 caliber rifle for international-style shooting. For the U. S. Army Reserve Shooting Team, we compete with the M-16 rifle. It's got a little bit of a modification. They call it an M-16A3. It's got a flat top, and we mount a four power

scope.

When asked why she finds shooting charming, Loring questioned the question.

"I want to rephrase the word 'charming' to 'challenging'. I find shooting to be challenging. Competing in the different discipline have both presented different challenges. Shooting the international rifle is very precise, so the target is very small, equipment intensive. Combat shooting, which I do with the U.S. Army Reserves, is very quick, fast moving. It is designed to replicate combat. So you are running and shooting, from different positions, under very strict time constraints.

Loring is no stranger to Korea. She used to work at Combat Support Coordination Team #2, a unit in Daegu that works as a liaison with the Second ROK Army and USFK. She will be coming back to Korea to participate in RSO & I and UFL exercises.

"There will be many people I will

want to visit when I come to Korea to participate in exercises. I know the fight and the plan in Korea. I really enjoyed Korea and enjoyed working with the ROK officers at SROKA.

Loring wants to keep shooting.

"I'll probably shoot until the end of my military career. I plan to continue to compete for the U.S. Army Reserve team. We have a tryout each year. You have to tryout each year in order to make the team. As long as I make the team, I will be competing," said Loring.

Although an expert shooter, that doesn't mean Loring is exempted from range qualification with her unit.

"Yes, I still go to the range to qualify with the unit each year. Actually it's a benefit for the unit if the nco's want information on shooting. It's kind of a nice asset to have someone in the unit that is kind of a subject matter expert on marksmanship," said Loring.

Maj. Denise Loring at the Canadian Forces Small Arms Championships 2002 (Courtesy of Maj. Loring).



# Mellow military man makes musical moves



Spc. Matthew Harvey programming a MPC 2000XL.

**Story by**  
**Master Sgt. Anthony Reed**  
**Photos by Spc. Angel Jackson**

He's a soldier by day, DJ at night, and in between, major record labels patiently wait for him to finish serving his country.

Spc. Matthew Harvey, an administrative specialist for the 19<sup>th</sup> Theater Support Command's G-3, dreams of being a noncommissioned officer, a top DJ, songwriter, music producer and business entrepreneur.

The Helena, Ark. native said he's been involved in music his entire life. "I became obsessed during the late '80s while attending the annual King Biscuit Blues Festival, one of the music genre's biggest events, and listening to a show called 'The Saturday Morning Fish Fry'." Harvey explained the show was an all-blues music broadcast.

"I began experimenting with music during middle school," the Team 19 soldier began. "That's when I really started to get into rap and hip hop. People often say I am a young guy with an old soul because of my love of old school, blues and jazz. I threw newspapers and installed car stereos to earn cash to purchase music and DJ equipment," said Harvey.

Harvey soon began spinning tunes for local parties until eventually starting his own mobile DJ service. "The pleasure I received from seeing people having fun and enjoying themselves hooked me instantly," he lamented. "I was amazed to see how a simple song could change a person's entire attitude."

He writes poetry and songs. He also creates

musical arrangements, digital audio recording and programs music using midi and computer-based software. "I have a makeshift recording studio here in my room, as well as an up and coming studio at home," Harvey said. "I also DJ (at Camp Walker's Hilltop Club) to stay current with the new music trends in the United States."

Harvey said his creative process involves following a simple formula. "Usually I write a poem about whatever I am feeling at the time. Then I take that poem and create a hook (the chorus or gist of a particular song). Finally, I write verses and compose music arrangements using either my computer (equipped with music software), my music keyboard or one of my drum machines."

Pointing to his mind, Harvey added, "Most

of my music is made right here. I usually think of a good melody and begin humming it."

Harvey's talents have not gone unnoticed locally or nationally.

"Harvey keeps the beats moving and the club jumping," said Sgt. Nicholas Johnson, who frequents Camp Walker's Hilltop Club. "When he was gone on mid-tour leave, the club just wasn't the same."

Harvey has sent out a few demo tapes to some major record labels who have contacted him to arrange interviews. "When they found out I was in the military, I thought they would kick me to the curb, but, surprisingly, they are patiently awaiting my return to the states."

As focused as he is musically, he instills that same discipline in his military career. He was recently cited for his accomplishments while deployed to Afghanistan.

"Spc. Harvey is a good soldier who keeps the administrative duties of our office squared away," said Master Sgt. Reginald Webb, 19<sup>th</sup> TSC G-3 Operations NCO.

Harvey, who originally joined the military for the college fund, said his reasons for serving were drastically changed after the events of 9/11.

"That was a day that helped me realize my job here is about much more than a few dollars for school," he said. "It feels good to be a patriotic soldier defending the freedoms of my country."

Harvey has set high military, personal, professional and musical goals for himself.

"I want to become a respectable NCO who cares for soldiers and welcomes the toughest challenges. I want to stay in at least four more years. I also plan to complete my bachelor's degree in Business Administration so I can really get my studio back home off the ground."

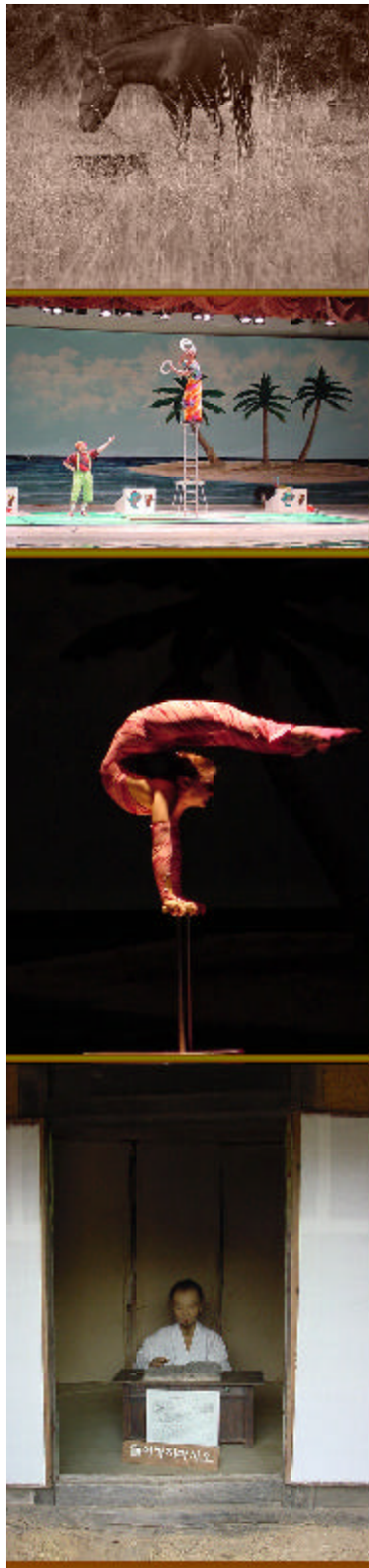
Just as he is not in the military for fame and fortune, his musical goals are similar:

"I just want to be heard on a large scale. You can keep the fame and fortune. I am music, and music is me. It pumps from my heart and runs through my veins. To me, there is music in everything."



Harvey with Gen. Erik Shinseki, the Army Chief of Staff.





# Experience Cheju Paradise in the

**Story and photos by  
Sgt(P). William C. Montoya**

If you are looking for a weekend getaway which provides warm weather, beautiful beaches, scenic volcanic rocks, stunning waterfalls, a dolphin show, and relaxation, look no further than Cheju Island. Cheju Island also known as Nature's Paradise in the North Pacific, is Korea's largest island, which came into existence when lava spewed from a sub-sea volcano and surfaced above the waters. Another volcanic event occurred and formed Mount Halla, South Korea's highest mountain located in the center of Cheju Island standing at 1,950 meters above sea level. A final volcanic eruption took place and created the Crater Lake, Baengnokdam at the summit of the mountain.

Cheju-Do('Do' refers to an 'island' in Hangul)'s natural environment was preserved as best as possible. The fantastically shaped rocks decorating the seashore, the hundreds of Oreums

(secondary volcano's), and the rarest species of flowers around Baengnokdam Lake at the summit of Mount Halla are all treasures waiting to be discovered by the Island's thousands of visitors each year.

On a recent visit to Nature's Paradise in the North Pacific, I had the opportunity to see what Cheju-Do Island had to offer. The trip started with a one-hour flight from Pusan to Cheju-Do. After arriving at the airport, we were greeted by a representative from the MWR Cheju-Do recreation facility, then transported to the Cheju-Do Army Recreation Center. When we reached the recreation facility, we were warmly welcomed by a MWR employee, who informed us of the daily tours, provided us with colorful brochures of the Island's attractions, and gave us a tour of the MWR Recreation Facility, all before showing us where we would be staying for the next two nights.

The Cheju-Do Army Recreation Center has many things to offer, including a gym with indoor swimming pool, library, computer room with internet access, small theater, recreation room with pool tables





# u-Do: Nature's North Pacific

and table tennis, snack bar, shoppette, and even a small club for your evening enjoyment.

During our second day, we decided to take a one-day tour course to visit northern and eastern Cheju-Do. The MWR tour guide spoke great English, and informed us we would be visiting Jungmun Resort, Jeongbang Falls, Yakchon Buddhist Temple, and Cheju-Do folk village museum. Our first stop was Jungmun resort, where we visited Jungmun Beach and tasted freshly caught seafood, and watched as the lady divers brought live sea animals to the shore for cleaning and selling. We walked round enjoying the oceanic view. We came across a great attraction called "Pacific Island," which offers a dolphin, penguin, and sea lion show. When the mammal show was over, a Russian family show started, featuring amazing gymnastics, awesome jugglers, and practical jokes, that provided a fun learning experience for the entire audience.

Our second stop was Jeongbang Falls, which is the only seaside waterfall in Asia. The water falls directly into the sea and is

one of the three most famous waterfalls on Cheju-Do. The falling water created a magnificent sight with thunderous sounds and clouds of rainbow mist against the deep blue sea; a definite must-see for all Island visitors. We then traveled to Cheju-Do Folk village, which is a reproduction of a traditional village on the Island. It has a fishing village, outdoor exhibition of fishing tools, a stage for shaman rituals and the House of Intangible Cultural properties. Eighty one traditional straw roof houses form the village, with a total of 117 buildings. At the folk village there was also a caged fence that housed Ostriges. Our final stop was Yakcheon Temple, which is a Buddhist paradise seminary consisting of a huge Buddhist temple, and more than 1,080 small Buddha statues.

After a fun-filled day of checking out some of the attractions on Nature's Paradise in the North Pacific, I could only think of the regrets I would have when packing up and having to leave this beautiful Island.

(For more information, contact your local MWR.)





# Succeeding in sports & life...

## 'Big Willie Style'

Col. Willie Jordan, 19th TSC Support Operations chief, proves victorious in the ring and in life.

**Story and photo by  
Master Sgt. Anthony L. Reed**

Teenagers define *Big Willie Style* as living lavishly like star athletes and entertainers.

That phrase may have been derived from the athletic accomplishments of a Team 19 soldier.

At 6'6" and more than 230 pounds, he was [and is] *Big*.

His modest approach to his accomplishments, including shielding his sons from his immense shadow shows his *Style*.

"Back in the day, I was the real deal," said Col. Willie Jordan, 19<sup>th</sup> Theater Support Command, Support Operations chief.

To most, that may sound a little boastful, but most have not been wooed by the Dallas Cowboys, inducted into his alma mater's athletic Hall of Fame or *this close* to being an Olympic and professional boxer.

His stature and athletic prowess made him the big man on campus. He was a starter from Day 1. Jordan was a standout defensive tackle at Winston-Salem State University. After a 1-9 freshman season in 1975, he was instrumental in the school's undaunted 21 consecutive victories. "I know what it means to be

undefeated, because I've been totally defeated before."

In high school, he excelled in basketball and football until athletics was taken away from him during his senior year. "I think I got a raw deal back then," Jordan began. "I didn't get to play football my senior year because there was a mix-up over my age. Because of his job, my father moved around quite a bit, and I was held back a year in school because of all the moving. I was ruled ineligible to play because of my age, even though I didn't turn 19 until after the season."

When one door closes, another opens. The old adage of doing anything you set your mind to proved true for the gridiron great.

"I had always been involved in athletics," Jordan began. "When that was taken away from me, I had nothing to do with my free time."

He said he realized the only way to stay out of trouble was to find another sport to occupy his free time. A week after he began training, Jordan was boxing in a main event. "Because of my size, people thought I was a slugger, not a boxer," he explained. "I tried to pattern my style after Muhammad Ali and Jack Johnson." Continuing to hone his skills, he won the Florida Golden Gloves title and

was about to embark upon a boxing career until football came calling again.

When he was a junior in high school, his future college coach, Cleo Wallace, was scouting someone else and noticed Jordan. Despite his families many moves, a scholarship from WSSU was awaiting him.



Col. Willie Jordan, 2003





Jordan's gridiron accomplishments at Winston-Salem State University earned him a spot in the school's Hall of Fame and a pro football contract.

"I really wanted to go to college," Jordan lamented. "Winston-Salem State was the only school that offered me a grant to play football.

The logistician did more than just play football. Jordan was named all-conference, and in his senior year was defensive captain. "It was a real honor to be named as a defensive leader," Jordan

said. "That made me even more dedicated because I knew the team expected more out of the captain. Football helped me better understand leadership. There were other seniors on our team, and they were all great

leaders."

Despite his knack for chasing opponents' quarterbacks, Jordan still had the boxing bug in him. He trained in the ring during summers and jumped a lot of

rope. He didn't think a four-year layoff would hurt his ring skills. "Boxing was always on my mind," he admitted. "During my freshman year, I thought about leaving school to become a fighter, but my mother wanted me to get an education. She also worried

about me getting hurt. The funny thing is, I was never injured boxing, but I've had surgeries for football-related injuries."

Prior to college, the Ali/Johnson prodigy posted an 18-1 amateur boxing record. After

graduating from college, he planned to fight 10 amateur fights before turning professional. "It [turning pro] was something I always wanted to do. To me, it was not a decision on what I was going to do with my entire life. It was more of a different direction to go."

He had hopes of making the U.S. Olympic Boxing Team in 1980.

He won three qualifying bouts by knockouts before being eliminated by the No. 3 amateur heavyweight in the nation.

While pondering his boxing future, the All-CIAA, NIAA and 2nd Team NIAA All American defensive lineman's football accomplishments earned him a shot at the National Football League as well. Though undrafted, he was signed by the Dallas Cowboys.

During his college years, Jordan was enrolled in ROTC. He earned a commission into the U.S. Army.

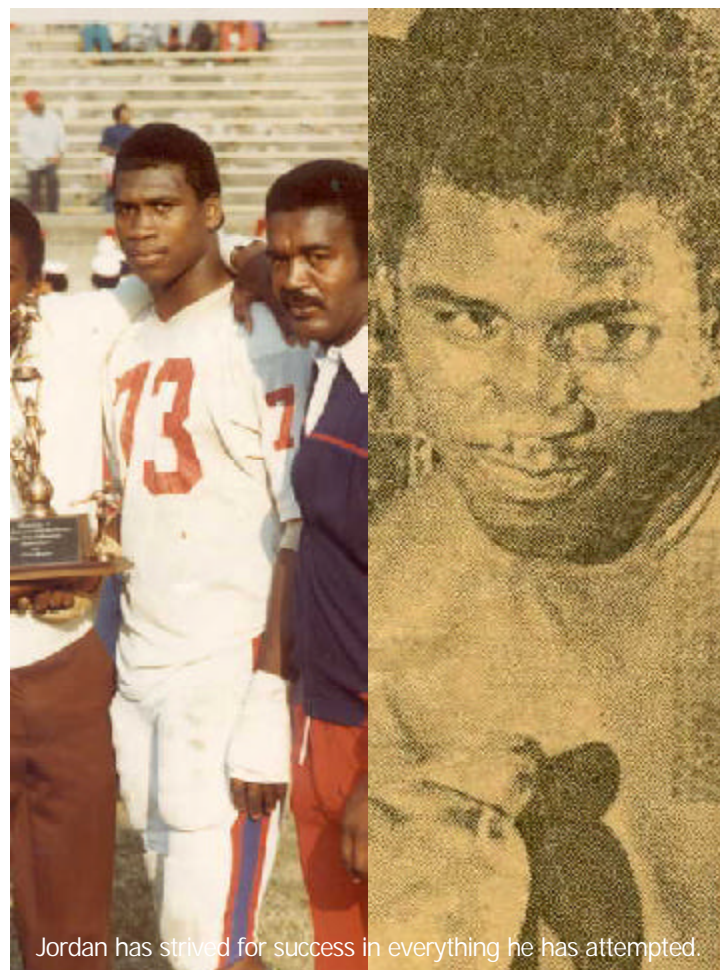
Boxing? Football? Army officer? Which one would he choose?

"Regardless to what sport I chose, I had to fulfill my military commitment," Jordan said. "Once I came into the military I liked it, so I stayed in."

He and his wife of 22 years, Wanda, have two sons, Toby, 26 and Rick, 14. Toby, a basketball star, attended WSSU and was under immense pressure to follow in his father's Hall of Fame footsteps.

"I put most of my awards and photos away to relieve pressure from my sons," he said. "They know who I am and what I've done, but they also have to be able to live their own lives."

Jordan said the most important thing he has taken from his athletic experiences and carried over as a soldier for more than 23 years, is "the team comes first. All of my personal achievements don't mean anything if the team is not successful. Team 19!"



Jordan has strived for success in everything he has attempted.



## Seol Nal;

# Celebrating new year's the Korean way, the lunar way

Yoots are sticks used to play yoot nori, a traditional Korean board game.

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Lunar New Year's is celebrated in Asia, which is also known as 'Seol Nal' in Korea. While many Koreans celebrate the New Year on Jan. 1st of the solar calendar, the lunar New Year is still popular today. In many Korean communities, the New Year is celebrated twice. "Seol" means 'to be careful', and some say it means sadness. Others say that "Seol" derives

from "nat seol da", which means unfamiliar in Korean.

Adults and children put on their new traditional clothes (usually decorated in five colors- green, yellow, red, white, and blue) called "hanbok", symbolizing a fresh beginning. Children 'Sebe', which is a traditional Korean style bowing, to the elders wishing them good health in the future while the elders give the children lucky money. At Seol Nal, 'Jae sah' which means offerings to ancestors is a very



People wear hanbok and bow to elders, wishing good health.



Bokjoomunee(meaning lucky pockets) are worn with the hanbok to bring good luck.

important traditional ritual. These offerings in holidays are called "chare" because it is served with liquors and teas. New Year's day is not an exception. The family get busy preparing the food from the previous day. They make "Ttok", "Garettok", which are traditional style rice cakes enjoyed during this holiday and throughout the year as well. They spend almost the entire day in the preparations, including dumplings, at home. The food, prepared the day before, is placed on the altar. The difference is instead of rice, as in any other "Jae sah", on "Seol Nal",

"Ttokuk" which is rice, cake soup is on the offering table.

Kite flying, yut game, top spinning, snow sliding, etc. are the usual entertainment. However, yut game is probably the most popular among them. Yut is one of the traditional Korean games that can be played anywhere. It's especially popular on New Year's Day. When they are thrown in the air and fall down turning up and down, it's like a big wrestling game scene.

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## "Enjoy a happy and safe Lunar New Year's" -From the staff of Team 19!



*Rev Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

*Teacher...*



*Preacher...*



*Leader...*



*Happy Birthday!*